

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 21 AUGUST 1984

TIME:

12:30 - 3:00 pm

PLACE:

Canal House, 25 Calhoun Street, Trenton

DATE:

Tuesday, 21 August 1984

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS:

Messrs. Kirkland, Jones, Torpey, Jessen, Zaikov and

Myers

STAFF:

Mr. Amon and Mrs. Greenwald

GUESTS:

Mr. Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey Mr. Shaik, N.J. Water Supply Authority

Messrs. Marshall and Stern, State Park Service

Ms. Linnerson, Canal Education Project

Mr. Kirkland opened the meeting and stated that all applicable provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law of 1976 had been properly met.

MINUTES

Following a motion made by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. Zaikov, the minutes of the meeting of 17 July 1984 were unanimously approved.

LEASES AND PERMITS

Mr. Amon presented the following lease to the Commissioners for their approval:

Victor Bernard

Dwelling

\$125.00 month

Following a motion made by Mr. Jessen and a second by Mr. Zaikov the above lease was unanimously approved.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
James C. Amon

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Benjamin B. Kirkland Martin D. Jessen
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Stuart R. Zaikov Arthur J. Holland Winona D. Nash Frank J. Torpey

REVIEW ZONE ACTIONS

Mr. Amon presented the following review zone projects to the Commissioners for their approval:

82-0128	Northridge Pond		
82-0154-C -	J.L. Williams & Company		
83-0205	Applied Data Research		
83-0230	Eaton Place		
84-0324	Allied Roofers - Conditioned upon approval of the outlet		
	by the Water Supply Authority and the Canal Commission.		
84-0338	Exxon Corporation		
84-0341	Park Oak Corporation		
84-0374 -	Church & Dwight Company, Inc.		
84-0375	Clyde Road Building "5"		
84-0384	Morris Industrial Builders		
84-0415-	Monroe Centre @ Forsgate - (RH Development Co.)		
84-0415-A-	Monroe Centre @ Forsgate - (RH Development Co.)		
84-0468	Pennington Woods		

Mr. Jessen then moved approval of the above projects with the exception of the following:

82-0154-C	J.L. Williams &	Company
84-0374	Church & Dwight	Company
84-0415	Monroe Centre @	Forsgate
84-0415-A	Monroe Centre @	Forsgate

Following a second by Mr. Zaikov the above projects were unanimously carried with the exception of those noted above.

Mr. Jones then moved the remaining projects for approval. Mr. Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with the exception of two abstentions by Messrs. Zaikov and Jessen. The abstentions reflected beliefs by the Commissioners that they had professional involvements in those projects.

PROJECTS WAIVED FROM COMMISSION REVIEW:

Mr. Amon recommended that the following project be waived from Commission review:

Princeton Turning Basin

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the above, requesting that the State consider the use of the Fink Truss bridge from Hunterdon County for the Princeton Turning Basin channel. Mr. Jessen's motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved.

Following a motion by Mr. Jessen and a second by Mr. Jones the following A Zone projects were unanimously waived from Commission review.

Gary Pae: Residence in Lawrence Township Edward White: Residence in South Bound Brook

COMMISSION STAFF MATTERS

Mr. Amon requested a resolution from the Commission raising the review zone officers' salary to \$33,018.36. Following a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. Jessen the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jessen then moved approval of the employment of two student interns - one clerical and one for special projects. This motion carried unanimously following Mr. Torpey's second.

WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY PROJECTS

PASSAIC STREET GUARD RAIL

Mr. Shaik from the Water Supply Authority informed the Commissioners of the Authority's intent to fix the guard rail along the canal on Passaic Street. The repairs would be a replacement of the existing barrier. Following a motion made by Mr. Zaikov, and a second by Mr. Torpey, the plans were unanimously approved.

FINAL RESOLUTION OF DREDGING/TREE REMOVAL

Following lengthly discussion on the ratio of trees removed during the dredging operations to the trees to be replaced, Mr. Zaikov moved that all trees over 4 inches in diameter that are removed be replaced on a one to one ratio at the locations determined by the Executive Director and the Superintendent of the Canal Park. This motion was seconded by Mr. Torpey. The motion carried unanimously with the exception of Mr. Jones' nay vote and Mr. Jessen's abstention.

Contract II - Mr. Jessen felt that the specs for the new contract should be rewritten to include the tree removal replacement. The rest of the contract should remain the same.

Mr. Amon informed the Commissioners that he would be on vacation so he would not be able to address changes in the new contract. Mr. Jessen and Mr. Jones agreed to take care of this.

Mr. Jones moved that the next contract address tree removal and replacement in the following ways:

- 1. All trees between the towpath and the canal may be cut accept the ones that appropriate individuals state should stay.
- 2. Require replacement of up to 52 trees per mile. Mr. Amon and Mr. Stern should be included in determining the location of replacement trees, which should be no less than 2 inches in diameter and of a species included on the already approved list.

Mr. Jessen seconded the motion with it passing unanimously.

STATE PARK SERVICE - TREE HARVESTING

Mr. Stern stated that he would like to initiate a tree harvesting program between Griggstown and Blackwells Mills for home firewood use. Ten cords will be the maximum removed. Mr. Stern said he had very good control. Mr. Jessen moved approval with the condition that a follow-up report be given. The motion carried unanimously following Mr. Torpey's second.

CANAL PARK EDUCATION PROJECT

Ms. Beth Linnerson informed the Commissioners of her plans to implement a canal park education program and requested their support in her efforts to gain funds to do so. Mr. Jessen moved approval of the project, Mr. Torpey seconded the resolution and it carried unanimously.

The resolution is as follows:

- WHEREAS, included in the Canal Commission's responsibilities is the duty to "...coordinate and support activities by citizens' groups to promote and preserve the park." (C13:13A-11h); and
- WHEREAS, the Canal Commission has determined that the Canal Park would be promoted by an educational program which would utilize the Canal Park as an outdoor laboratory for the inspiration of learning and the revelation of information about the social and physical sciences as well as the humanities; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Beth Linnerson has proposed such an educational program and has demonstrated through past experience and detailed plans that she is eminently qualified to organize and lead such a program; now,
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Canal Commission agrees to support Ms. Linnerson's educational program under the following terms:
 - 1. Ms. Linnerson agrees to serve as a consultant to the Canal Park Commission on educational programs for the Canal Park.
 - 2. To the extent that time and resources permit, the Commission staff agrees to provide advice, information and supporting materials that will assist Ms. Linnerson in funding, organizing, and executing her program.
 - 3. Ms. Linnerson agrees to provide the Commission with an outline of her educational program and a schedule of its execution. Ms. Linnerson also agrees to provide to the Canal Park Superintendent a schedule of how she will use the Canal Park in her educational program.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

This subject was tabled until the next Commission meeting.

Mr. Torpey left at 2:35 pm.

SESQUICENTENNIAL FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION

Mr. Amon distributed Newsletter #5 to the Commissioners for their information. Mr. Amon asked if the Commission wants a regular canal park newsletter. It was generally agreed that this would be good. Newsletters are to reveal what needs to be done and also to make the canal more a part of people's lives. The Commissioners also agreed that it would be good to pursue the development of the Canal Park as part of a Delaware River corridor.

CANAL PARK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

See attached report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

REPORT TO THE CANAL COMMISSION 18 July 1984 to 21 August 1984

Report #18 10 September 1984

Over the course of the past month the following projects have been accomplished:

- 1. Continued with brushing back operations along towpath.
- 2. Continued with site repair at Bull's Island.
- 3. Completed clean up between Fowler Street and Calhoun Street along the abandoned railroad right-of-way.
- 4. Maintained mowing, cleaning and trash pick up operations.
- 5. Installed posts and resurfaced parking lot at Rocky Hill.

In the month to come:

- 1. Install drainage culvert at Blackwell's Mills day use area.
- 2. Pruning vegetation, grading and reseeding lawn area at South Bound Brook day use area.
- 3. Reseeding campsites at Bull's Island.
- 4. Brushing back between Smith Mill and Milford.
- 5. Maintain mowing and trash pick up operations.

Report submitted by Paul Stern, Superintendent D & R Canal State Park